

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-41 are pending in the application; the status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-9 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 16-38 are allowed.

Claims 10 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,466,263 B1 to Suzuki ("Suzuki").

Claims 11 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,734,427 to Hayashi ("Hayashi").

Claims 12-14, and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,990,949 to Haruki ("Haruki").

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejection

It is axiomatic that a reference anticipates a claim only if the reference discloses each and every element of the claim. The rejection of claims 10 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Suzuki, is respectfully traversed because Suzuki fails to disclose each and every element of the subject claims.

Claims 10 and 39 are directed to a camera in which image data is processed differently depending on whether the image data is for preview purposes or is to be recorded. During preview, e.g., when the camera's shutter button is half-pressed, image processing is optimized for rapidly displaying an accurate image to the camera's display, e.g., an LCD screen. This processing includes interpolating the image data to obtain data

suitable in size, color, brightness, etc. for accurate reproduction on the display. However, during image capture, e.g., when the shutter button is fully depressed, the image data processing needs are different, and the image data is interpolated differently.

These aspects of the invention are present in claim 10, for example, which recites:

“an interpolating portion for executing interpolation of pixels constituting image data, the interpolating portion executing a first interpolation when displaying by the display unit while executing a second interpolation different from the first interpolation when recording by the recorder”

The language of the claim clearly requires that the interpolating portion performs one type of interpolation on data from the imaging device when the image is to be displayed by the display unit, e.g., during preview, but performs a second type of interpolation on data from the imaging device when recording the image, e.g., during image capture.

In contradistinction, Suzuki discloses a camera that captures image data with a CCD, processes the image data, and then records the processed image to an IC memory card. The apparatus includes a mode switch, that puts the camera in a PC mode or a camera mode. When the camera is in the PC mode, the image data is interpolated to match the resolution and aspect ratio of a typical PC display. The interpolated image data is then recorded to the memory card. However, when in the camera mode, **no interpolation is performed**. See column 5, lines 4-19.

A PC monitor typically has more lines of resolution and a different aspect ratio than an NTSC monitor. To compensate, the Suzuki device “interpolates” image data when recording data for display on a PC by inserting data corresponding to one extra line of image data for every five lines. When playing back image data for display on an NTSC monitor that was recorded for display on PC, the extra data lines cause the image to be distorted. Suzuki discloses this is corrected by performing an “inverse interpolation,” by omitting the inserted lines, when displaying the image data on an NTSC monitor. See column 5, lines 60-66. The Office Action states that this represents a second interpolation,

different from the interpolation described above. Clearly, Suzuki's "inverse interpolation" of Suzuki is not the second interpolation of claim 10.

Moreover, claim 10 requires that the interpolation be performed on data transferred from the imaging device:

"a recorder for recording image data transferred from said imaging device into a specified medium;

"a display unit for displaying the image data transferred from said imaging device;

In the Suzuki device, data from the imaging device is subject to a first interpolation when saving the image data in PC mode and image data stored in PC mode is subject to an inverse interpolation when the data is retrieved from a memory card for display. Thus, Suzuki discloses applying the inverse interpolation to image data from the memory card and not from the imaging device.

With regard to claim 39, the language of the claim analogously requires a method that performs "a varied interpolating process depending on whether the captured image is to be displayed or recorded." Specifically, "a first interpolating process is executed when displaying," and "a second interpolating process different from the first interpolating process is executed when recording." It is respectfully submitted that Suzuki fails to disclose the claimed method.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 10 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Suzuki, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

The rejection of claims 11-15 and 40-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Suzuki, either alone or in view of Hayashi or Haruki, is respectfully traversed because the references fail to disclose, teach, or suggest all elements of the claims in question. Specifically, Suzuki fail to suggest a device or method in which a first

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interpolation is performed when displaying the image data and a second, different, interpolation is performed when recording the image data. The other references also fail to provide the requisite teaching. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 11-15 and 40-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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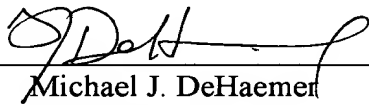
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